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President names four to intelligence board

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In a major reshuffling of the panel, President Reagan appointed four new members to fill openings on the high-level President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

The new members are Jeane Kirkpatrick, the former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations; Albert Wohlstetter, a nuclear strategist; Gen. Bernard Schriever, one of the principal architects of the U.S. intercontinental missile system, and James Q. Wilson, a professor of government at Harvard University who has served on various national crime commissions.

Members of the board serve as outside advisers on matters of intelligence and policy.

This week Mr. Reagan dismissed 11 of the 21 members of the board, which surprised some panel members and set off rumors that the White House was eliminating Reagan loyalists in favor of supporters of Vice President George Bush.

Current and past board members, as well as other informed sources, said yesterday they were confident this is not true.

Of the four new replacements, two — Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Schriever — are political conservatives. The other two are described as "neoconservatives." Such



Jeane Kirkpatrick

credentials belie rumors that the changes were politically or ideologically motivated, a source close to the board said.

Clare Boothe Luce, the former U.S. ambassador to Italy and member of the House of Representatives from Connecticut and a current member of the board, said rumors of ideological or political motivations behind the change are "perfect nonsense."

"There's no ideological question or political question involved," she

said. "There's never been any partisanship or political considerations on the board."

A spokesman for Mr. Bush, as well as some of those who were dismissed, said the rumors are false.

"I don't have any reason to believe that was the case," said retired Adm. Thomas Moorer, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was among those dismissed from the panel.

Adm. Moorer, a conservative, said the board members might have disagreed over some issues but "I couldn't say there was an ideological split."

The admiral, now a foreign policy consultant, agreed that the board had become too unwieldy. "It was too big," Adm. Moorer said. "I had made that point myself."

Along with Adm. Moorer, the other board members who were dismissed are Martin Anderson, the president's former domestic policy adviser; Eugene V. Rostow, former director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Gen. Robert Barrow, former commandant of the Marine Corps; Alan Greenspan, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers; Peter O'Donnell, a Republican fund raiser; Harrison Schmitt, the former astronaut and ex-senator from New Mexico; Paul Seabury, a political science professor from the University of California; Robert Six, former chairman of Continental Airlines; Edward Bennett Williams, a Washington lawyer; and Seymour Weiss, a former ambassador to the Bahamas.

The board is headed by Anne L. Armstrong, a former ambassador to Britain.